

MATTHEW

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Matthew 3:13-17

READ

Matthew 3:1-17

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Based on Matthew's account thus far, what is the background to v. 13? What is Jesus' status at this point?

Why has Jesus come down to the Jordan River at this time?

2. Summarize what you know about the ministry of John the Baptizer.

3. What is John's mission (v. 3)?

What is John's message (v. 2)?

Why, then, does John try to prevent Jesus from being baptized (v. 14)?

4. What do we know about John's baptism that does not directly pertain to Jesus (c.f., vv. 2, 6; Mark 1:4)?

What then, according to Jesus, is the significance of this baptism (v. 15)?

What does He mean by this?

5. What is different about this baptism from all the other baptisms performed by John (vv. 16-17)?
6. Identify how each member of the Trinity is present and involved in this scene. Why now?
7. How is it that the Son is well-pleasing to the Father?
8. How does the Gospel of Luke conclude this scene (Luke 3:23)? What, then, is one important aspect of the baptism of Jesus?

Do vv. 16-17 take on greater significance in light of this? (How?)

PERSONAL RESPONSE

“At this time” I will be responsive to the Lord by . . .

“In this way” I will embrace God’s will this week by . . .